

TUSD STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2019

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CURRICULUM

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Curriculum

Strategic Priority 1: Curriculum – TUSD will design an aligned, articulated and well administered curriculum that supports academically high standards of learning for all children, integrates college and career ready skills, incorporates fine and performing arts, and is culturally relevant for our diverse student population. It will be reviewed and revisited regularly to meet the changing demands of our students and community.

Year 1 Goal: Design an easily accessible and usable scope and sequence with an evaluation rubric for yearly analysis and improvement

Year 2 Goal: Design a curriculum that includes common interim and end-year assessments and aligns resources that are culturally responsive to the diverse interests and needs of the students

Year 3 Goal: Design a curriculum that includes authentic assessments for content areas that are embedded within the curriculum with exemplar lessons that are aligned to 75% of the standards

Year 4 Goal: Design a curriculum with materials aligned by quarter to include culturally relevant materials and fully implemented data analysis tools for analysis of lessons and performance

Year 5 Goal: Provide an aligned, articulated, clearly communicated, well administered curriculum that is horizontally and vertically aligned by foundational standards, knowledge, and skills in all content areas

Strategic Priority 2: Instruction – TUSD will ensure that teachers deliver challenging and engaging instruction that is driven by a high quality curriculum and based on meeting the individual needs of every child.

Year 1 Goal: Ensure all third year teachers and beyond meet the needs of every learner by delivering culturally responsive curriculum that engages students and are proficient in providing ongoing communication and feedback on performance

Year 2 Goal: Ensure all third year teachers and beyond meet the needs of every learner by delivering culturally responsive curriculum that engages

students and are proficient in using effective questioning and discussion techniques in their lessons

Year 3 Goal: Ensure all third year teachers and beyond meet the needs of every learner by delivering culturally responsive curriculum that engages students and are proficient in effectively measuring student progress through the use of aligned and common formative assessments of learning

Year 4 Goal: Ensure all third year teachers and beyond meet the needs of every learner by delivering culturally responsive curriculum that engages students and are proficient in demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness to individual needs of each student

Year 5 Goal: Ensure all third-year teachers and beyond meet the needs of every learner by delivering culturally responsive curriculum that engages students by are proficient in providing ongoing communication and feedback on performance, using effective questioning and discussion techniques, effectively measuring progress through the use of aligned and common formative assessments for learning, and demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness to individual needs of students

Strategic Priority 3: Professional Development – TUSD will provide purposeful professional development that is collaborative and focused on providing teachers and administrators with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement: best practices for college and career preparedness, differentiation for diverse student needs, culturally responsive teaching strategies, and cohesive communities of practice.

Year 1 Goal: Ensure all designated support personnel attend bi-weekly professional development to develop the capacity to provide purposeful professional development at the site level that is focused on implementing an aligned curriculum

Year 2 Goal: Ensure all designated support personnel attend bi-weekly professional development to develop the capacity to provide purposeful professional development at the site level that is focused on implementing an aligned curriculum and decentralized based on individual site capacity

Year 3 Goal: Ensure all designated support personnel attend bi-weekly professional development to develop the capacity to provide purposeful professional development at the site level that is decentralized based on differentiated site needs

Year 4 Goal: Ensure all designated support personnel attend bi-weekly professional development to work collaboratively with site based staff to provide differentiated purposeful professional development at the site level

Year 5 Goal: Ensure all designated support personnel attend bi-weekly professional development to work collaboratively with site based staff to provide purposeful professional development that differentiates learning for all staff

Strategic Priority 4: Data – TUSD will use a range of student and classroom data routinely to check for understanding of concepts taught, monitor progress of student learning, and drive instructional decisions to facilitate improved student learning.

Year 1 Goal: Collect and analyze English Language Arts and Mathematics Data and provide staff development on how to appropriately use the data to drive instructional decisions

Year 2 Goal: Collect and analyze English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Writing Data using data notebooks and other tools and provide staff development on how to appropriately use the data to drive instructional decisions

Year 3 Goal: Collect and analyze English Language Arts, Mathematics, Writing, and Science data and provide staff development on how to appropriately use the data to drive instructional decisions

Year 4 Goal: Collect and analyze all subject area data and provide staff development on how to appropriately use the data to drive instructional decisions

Year 5 Goal: Consistently and routinely collect and analyze data using data notebooks and other tools, provide staff development on how to appropriately use the data to drive instructional decisions, and collaborate with departments through data dashboards to promote and improve teaching and learning across the District

Strategic Priority 5: Assessment – TUSD will develop and administer common ongoing assessments that are aligned to and embedded in the aligned and articulated curriculum. These assessments will provide for a deep analysis of student mastery of concepts and skills and will assist in identifying gaps in student learning. TUSD will also support teachers with the development of more frequent assessments that help to inform daily instruction.

Year 1 Goal: Implement a standardized measurement system with common quarterly assessments based on curriculum guides and train staff to analyze and use data to determine student growth, areas of weakness and mastery learning

Year 2 Goal: Implement a standardized measurement system with common bi-weekly assessments aligned to the curriculum and provide professional development on conducting teacher-student data discussions

Year 3 Goal: TUSD will implement a standardized measurement system with common weekly assessments aligned to the curriculum and provide professional development the effective use of formative data

Year 4 Goal: TUSD will implement a standardized measurement system with common weekly assessments aligned to the curriculum, provide professional development the effective use of formative data, and introduce multi-faceted systems of assessment that include project-based learning, student developed assessments, and student portfolios.

Year 5 Goal: TUSD will implement a standardized measurement system with common weekly assessments aligned to the curriculum, provide professional development the effective use of formative data, and provide support for the use of multi-faceted systems of assessment that include project-based learning, student developed assessments, and student portfolios.

DIVERSITY

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee **Diversity**

Strategic Priority 1: Reflective Curriculum – TUSD will have classroom curricula, instruction, and professional development that integrate diversity and high expectations for all students.

Year 1 Goal: Establish and maintain ELA and Social Studies Courses for HS

Year 2 Goal: Establish and maintain ELA and Social Studies Courses for K-8

Year 3 Goal: Establish and maintain Math and Science Courses for HS

Year 4 Goal: Establish and maintain Math and Science Courses for K-8

Year 5 Goal: Ensure diversity is woven into ELA, Social Studies, Math and Science curriculum for all High Schools and K-8's across the District

Strategic Priority 2: Recruitment and Retention of Diversity – TUSD will actively recruit, hire, train and work to retain teachers, administrators, and staff who reflect its student population.

Year 1 Goal: Gather and analyze current staff data by level

Year 2 Goal: Identify higher level institutions with high ethnic diversity and target and begin recruitment

Year 3 Goal: Monitor and review human resources hiring practices

Year 4 Goal: TUSD will establish a Future Educators of America in its high schools and partner with the University of Arizona's School of Education.

Year 5 Goal: Ensure that all employees participate in Diversity Training

Strategic Priority 3: World Language Options – TUSD will increase and support its foreign language options for all students.

Year 1 Goal: School feeder patterns will be established and documented at the District Level, indicating language options K-12 for pilot schools

Year 2 Goal: Pilot elementary schools will establish an after- school foreign language program that follows its feeder pattern

Year 3 Goal: Pilot middle schools will establish an after-school foreign language program that follows its feeder pattern

Year 4 Goal: Add foreign language course(s) to high school within feeder pattern of foreign language after-school program

Year 5 Goal: Add additional elementary and middle schools to the foreign language after-school program

Strategic Priority 4: Advanced Learning Opportunities – TUSD will ensure equitable access to advanced learning opportunities (e.g. honors, AP, IB, GATE, and college prep programs) for all students.

Year 1 Goal: Educate stakeholders about the current Advanced Learning Experience/accelerated course offerings

Year 2 Goal: Establish entry pathway expectations into the Advanced Learning Experiences

Year 3 Goal: Create a highly qualified and viable workforce to implement Advanced Learning Opportunities/accelerated course work

Year 4 Goal: Develop and implement a Parent University program to educate, provide outreach, and support parents

Year 5 Goal: All TUSD Schools K-12 provide age-appropriate Advanced Learning Experiences/accelerated courses

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement – Strengthen and increase its community engagement (e.g. families, businesses, non-profits, higher education, and faith based organizations) 5 year vision: A system where children and families have what they need to be successful.

Year 1 Goal: Create and maintain community partnerships that enhance the well being of students and families

Year 2 Goal: Establish and maintain four Family Engagement Centers

Year 3 Goal: Ensure that every school has a designated person to be the liaison between the site and the Family Engagement Centers

Year 4 Goal: Ensure School Site Councils seek to mirror the ethnic and racial diversity of their school and include community members

Year 5 Goal: Host and sponsor a culminating event that celebrates parent and community involvement

FACILITIES

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Facilities

Strategic Priority 1: Green Planning – TUSD will consider and integrate green planning concepts into capital improvements, resource management

and community involvement.

Year 1 Goal: Develop green energy audits

Year 2 Goal: Reduce utility consumption

Year 3 Goal: Certify facilities for energy efficiency

Year 4 Goal: Implement energy management and control system

Year 5 Goal: Green and sustainable programs

Strategic Priority 2: Establish/Communicate clear vision for facilities (community) – TUSD will develop and implement a long-range Master Facilities Plan that supports and enhances student learning and achievement, and community partnerships.

Year 1 Goal: Facilities Audit

Year 2 Goal: Plan for the strategic use of facilities

Year 3 Goal: 15% completion of the plan

Year 4 Goal: 30% completion of the Master Facility Plan

Year 5 Goal: Optimize the District's facilities to support student learning

Strategic Priority 3: Preventative Maintenance – TUSD will provide facilities that are clean, safe and energy efficient for students and employees through routine and preventive maintenance and repair.

Year 1 Goal: Effective automated work order system

Year 2 Goal: Improve customer service

Year 3 Goal: Facilities organization structure

Year 4 Goal: Modeling solutions

Year 5 Goal: Improve preventive maintenance.

Strategic Priority 4: Technology Plan-specific use – Create a purposeful, pedagogically aligned technology plan that provides instructional support, curriculum standardization, and baseline resources including physical resources and professional development.

Year 1 Goal: Training for technological equipment

Year 2 Goal: Curriculum Management System

Year 3 Goal: Student Information System

Year 4 Goal: Technology Condition Index

Year 5 Goal: Mi-Fi for students

Strategic Priority 5: Safety and Security – Our goal is to ensure every school in the district offers a physically inviting and nurturing environment that optimizes teaching and learning and actively protects its members from physical and emotional harm.

Year 1 Goal: Address vandalism and other forms of damage

Year 2 Goal: Provide training to staff for emergency planning

Year 3 Goal: Improve the badging system

Year 4 Goal: Safety and security guidelines

Year 5 Goal: Prevent criminal activities

FINANCE

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Finance

Strategic Priority 1: System and Process Creation and/or Refinement – TUSD will streamline systems and processes so that dollars/resources are maximized.

Year 1 Goal: Implement a Phased System Installation for a TUSD district-wide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

Year 2 Goal: Implement Change Management Strategies with integrated processes to increase communications and collaboration

Year 3 Goal: Develop and deploy a Strategic Alignment Roadmap

Year 4 Goal: Schedule and deploy Key Redesigned Business Processes for continuous improvement and associated ERP modules as defined in the TUSD ERP-Systems Program Schedule and Deployment Plan

Year 5 Goal: Fully-implement Strategic priorities and Enterprise Resource Planning Systems

Strategic Priority 2: Maximize Existing Revenue and Resources – TUSD will develop a plan to leverage district resources to support the district's 5 year strategic plan.

Year 1 Goal: Align the Strategic Plan to allow for effective and efficient funding and resource allocations based on priorities

Year 2 Goal: Utilize fiscal resources that support TUSD Strategic Plan (contingent on available resources)

Year 3 Goal: Evaluate existing assets/resources and make recommendation for a bond and/or override election

Year 4 Goal: Determine and utilize how much 5 year strategic plan's strategic priority implementation will cost beyond existing revenue thresholds

Year 5 Goal: Identify what to keep, eliminate, and/or add

Strategic Priority 3: School Finance Education and Transparency – TUSD will effectively communicate to and educate all stakeholders on the finances of the district.

Year 1 Goal: TUSD will provide accurate and timely reports with the new ERP system.

Year 2 Goal: Enable end users to produce accurate and timely reports with the new ERP system

Year 3 Goal: Increase the capacity of the district to disseminate financial briefings and updates to stakeholders at the district and site level

Year 4 Goal: Provide data that is easily understood by all stakeholders

Year 5 Goal: Become the leading Southern Arizona school district for analyzing, utilizing and providing data effectively

Strategic Priority 4: Legislative Advocacy – TUSD will collaborate with legislature to develop strong relationships that promote advocacy for education.

Year 1 Goal: TUSD will increase awareness in public education funding and issues.

Year 2 Goal: TUSD will develop an outreach committee to address funding in public education that will speak to various organizations regarding education funding and expenditures.

Year 3 Goal: TUSD will ensure district transparency by disseminating information on how district is utilizing funding and resources.

Year 4 Goal: Utilize and participate in a leadership outreach team among Southern Arizona school districts to speak to legislative funding issues as a

united voice to legislature

Year 5 Goal: Become the leading school district for Southern Arizona promoting Legislative Advocacy for Education

Strategic Priority 5: External Funding to Support Strategic Priorities – TUSD will actively seek and identify external funding to leverage resources which enhance student achievement.

Year 1 Goal: TUSD will create a multi-tiered financial needs assessment that identifies external funds and resources to support student achievement.

Year 2 Goal: TUSD will create a comprehensive four-year plan for the addition of site-based fund development programs that will support district initiatives and student achievement.

Year 3 Goal: TUSD will expand the comprehensive grants plan to include foundations.

Year 4 Goal: TUSD will establish teams representing multi-tiered groups that will meet to design and develop funding applications for identified needs and initiatives.

Year 5 Goal: TUSD will assess, refine and enhance the multi-tiered comprehensive external funding plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Communication

Strategic Priority 1: Strategic Plan Presentation and Communication – TUSD will communicate the major initiatives of the Strategic Plan.

Year 1 Goal: Inform teachers and administrators about initiatives in the Strategic Plan

Year 2 Goal: Staff understanding of and communication about the Plan increases

Year 3 Goal: Teachers and administrators will share the plan with parents and students

Year 4 Goal: Teachers and administrators, students, and parents will communicate the plan to community members

Year 5 Goal: Communication with employees, students, parents and community

Strategic Priority 2: Internal Communication – TUSD's internal communications will enhance the coordination of departments and services in support of students and staff.

Year 1 Goal: Internal communication with staff

Year 2 Goal: Create a "grapevine" telephone or email inquiry system for staff

Year 3 Goal: Identify and mobilize a district-level crisis management team to facilitate parent engagement during emergency situations

Year 4 Goal: Create a messaging system that conveys district-wide information to faculty and staff on a real-time basis

Year 5 Goal: Ensure understanding of programs and initiatives

Strategic Priority 3: TUSD Brand - TUSD and stakeholders will develop and launch a unified TUSD Brand.

Year 1 Goal: Invite stakeholders to share opinions

Year 2 Goal: Stakeholders made aware of district's goals

Year 3 Goal: Expand information and outreach channels

Year 4 Goal: Use of advertising campaign

Year 5 Goal: Establishing a positive image of the district

Strategic Priority 4: Responsive Communication – TUSD will respond to the community's diverse information needs with culturally responsive communications.

Year 1 Goal: To determine the best avenues for communicating and interacting with diverse groups

Year 2 Goal: Begin implementation of communication plan

Year 3 Goal: Address needs and establish communication channels

Year 4 Goal: Updating channels of communication

Year 5 Goal: Meeting stakeholder needs

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement via Information – TUSD will develop a community engagement strategy to strengthen advocacy to TUSD.

Year 1 Goal: Create a family-focused culture that engages teachers and administrators as advocates for TUSD

Year 2 Goal: Create a family-focused culture that engages parents and students by creating champion teams designated to spread messages

Year 3 Goal: Create a family-focused culture that engages volunteers and community members by using champion teams for community outreach

Year 4 Goal: Create a family-focused culture that engages high-level community members by using champion teams to create events

Year 5 Goal: Create a family-focused culture to engage students, parents, teachers, volunteers, administration, and community partners to strengthen advocacy for TUSD